



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of

Akira OHMURA

Application No.: 09/655,917

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For: DIGITAL CAMERA CAPABLE OF EMBEDDING A ELECTRONIC
WATERMARK INTO IMAGE DATA

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Examiner: K. JERABEK

Docket No.: 107013

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the May 9, 2005 Notice of Allowance, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance regarding claims 8, 10, 12 and 19. The stated reasons include features not recited in these claims, particularly, "a memory" and "a program selector", as presented on pages 3 and 4. Claims 8, 10, 12 and 19 do not incorporate these features, and thus the memory and program selector do not further limit the scope of these claims. Applicant respectfully comments that the independent claims are allowable on the basis of their respectively recited features, irrespective of the reasons asserted in the Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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